AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims as Pending

1.   (Previously Presented) A method to facilitate network-based shopping, the method including:

facilitating a communication between a network-based auction facility and a seller, the communication to authorize a bidder to bid on a sale listing that is listed for sale by the seller; and

automatically recording the bidder as authorized to bid on the sale listing responsive to the communication.

2.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the network-based auction facility requires the seller to authorize the bidder before the bidder may bid on the sale listing.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the bidder and the seller have buying and selling privileges respectively with the network-based auction facility.

4.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the communication

includes a seller request to authorize bidders to bid on the sale listing.

5.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the communication

includes allowing the seller to add and to remove an authorization restriction multiple

times during an auction pertaining to the sale listing.

6.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the communication

includes a bidder request to the seller to authorize the bidder to bid on the sale listing.

7.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, including providing access to the

seller to a bidding history associated with the bidder and profile information associated

with the bidder thereby to assist the seller in determining whether to authorize the

bidder to bid on the sale listing.

8.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the bidding history and

the profile information are provided by the network-based auction facility.

9.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the sale listing includes ~~a high profile sale listing~~ an at least one of a charity listing, a special events listing and a holiday promotions listing.

10.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.

11.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the network-based auction facility includes an auction web site.

12.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein an authorization restriction requirement is displayed on a view item web page.

13.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein a seller vetting process information is displayed on a personalized web page of the seller that is linked to a web page of the sale listing.

14.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the seller authorizes only a predetermined currency to be used to purchase the sale listing that is listed for sale by the seller.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the seller authorizes a predetermined geographic area, and wherein the bidder within the predetermined geographic area is allowed by the network-based auction facility to bid on the sale listing that is listed for sale by the seller and a further bidder outside the predetermined geographic area is prevented from bidding on the sale listing.

16. (Previously Presented) A method to facilitate network-based shopping, the method including:

facilitating a communication between a network-based shopping facility and a seller, the communication to authorize a buyer to buy an offering offered for sale by the seller; and

automatically recording the buyer as authorized to buy the offering responsive to the communication.

17. (Previously Presented) A system to facilitate network-based shopping, the system including:

a communications module to facilitate a communication between a network-based auction facility and a seller; and

an authorization module to facilitate a seller authorization of a bidder to bid on a sale listing via the communication.

18.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 17, wherein the authorization module requires the seller to authorize the bidder before the bidder may bid on the sale listing.

19.   (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the bidder and the seller have buying and selling privileges respectively with the network based auction facility.

20.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 17, wherein the communication includes a seller request to authorize bidders to bid on the sale listing.

21.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 17, wherein the seller can add and remove the pre-approval restriction multiple times during the auction pertaining to the sale listing.

22.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the communication includes a bidder request to the seller to authorize the bidder to bid on the sale listing.

23.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the communications module is to provide access to the seller to a bidding history associated with the bidder

and profile information associated with the bidder thereby to assist the seller in

determining whether to authorize the bidder to bid on the sale listing.

24.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 23, wherein the bidding history and

the profile information ~~is~~ are provided by the network-based auction facility.

25.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, wherein the sale listing includes ~~a~~

~~high profile sale listing~~ an at least one of a charity listing, a special events listing and a

holiday promotions listing.

26.   (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the network includes the Internet.

27.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26, wherein the network-based

auction facility includes an auction web site.

28.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26, wherein an authorization

restriction requirement is displayed on a view item web page.

29. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 17, wherein a seller vetting process information is displayed on a personalized web page of the seller that is linked to a web page of the sale listing.

30. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 17, wherein the seller authorizes only a predetermined currency to be used to purchase the sale listing that is listed for sale by the seller.

31. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 17, wherein the seller authorizes a predetermined geographic area, and wherein a the bidder within the predetermined geographic area is allowed by the network-based auction facility to bid on the sale listing that is listed for sale by the seller and a further bidder outside the predetermined geographic area is prevented from bidding on the sale listing.

32. (Previously Presented) A system to facilitate network-based shopping, the system including:

a communications module to facilitate a communication between a network-based shopping facility and a seller; and

an authorization module to facilitate a seller authorization of a buyer to buy an offering via the communication.

33.   (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a

set of instructions to translate instructions, the set instructions, which when executed by

a processor, cause the processor to perform a method to:

facilitate a communication between a network-based auction facility and a

seller, the communication to authorize a bidder to bid on an sale listing that is listed for

sale by the seller; and

automatically record the bidder as authorized to bid on the sale listing

responsive to the communication.

34.   (Previously Presented) A system to facilitate network-based shopping including:

means for facilitating a communication between a network-based auction facility

and a seller; and

means for facilitating a seller authorization of a bidder to bid on an offering via

the communication.

35.   (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a set of instructions to translate instructions, the set of instructions, which when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform a method to:

facilitate a communication between a network-based shopping facility and a seller, the communication to authorize a buyer to buy an offering offered for sale by the seller; and

automatically record the buyer as authorized to buy the offering responsive to the communication.